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UM TO OFFER COURSE POPULAR RELIGION
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MISSOULA--

A course entitled "Popular Religion: American Myths and Rituals in Mass Culture" will be offered by the University of Montana June 19-July 14.

The symbolic structure of popular entertainment, such as "Star Trek," "Star Wars," "Rocky," "Jaws" and "Wonder Woman," will be analyzed and related to national mythology. Movements such as "Fonzomania" will be studied along with the impact of pop myths from Buffalo Bill's time to the present. Course instructor is James Flanagan, professor and chairman of the UM religious studies department.

The department also will offer courses in Native American literature and traditions during the Summer Pre-session and the first four-week session.

During the second four-week session, Professor Lane McGaughy will teach "Introduction to the Gospels" (RS 195). The course will involve a structural comparison of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John and the reading of selected extra-Biblical texts.

Applications and a complete list of summer courses are available from the UM Center for Continuing Education and Summer Programs, Main Hall 107, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812; 243-2900.

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